Financial assistance for promotion of Computer education

406. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided to various States for development and promotion of Computer education during the Ninth Plan; and

(b) the amount of financial assistance proposed to be allocated for the same during the Tenth Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The erstwhile Computer Literacy & Studies in Schools (CLASS) scheme ceased to be in operation during the Ninth Plan. However, maintenance/recurring grant had been released to some States. During 2001-2002, the last year of the Ninth Plan, a revised CLASS scheme had been launched. Under the revised CLASS scheme, financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 74.00 crores was sanctioned to 19 States/ UTs besides KVS and NVS during 2001-2002 as per details given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Allocation of funds to States/UTs will be made on year-to-year basis, on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) of the States/UTs, within the overall allocation of Rs. 800.00 crores for the Tenth Plan.

Statement

Regarding financial assistance for promotion of Computer education

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Amount sanctioned as 75% Union Government's Share (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount released as 1st Installment (Rs. in Lakhs)— 50%	No. of Schools
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Maharashtra	900.00	450.00	180
2.	Tripura	250.00	125.00	50
3.	Chhattisgarh	500.00	250.00	100
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	70.00	35.00	14
5.	Haryana	500.00	250.00	100
6.	West Bengal	1114.7625	557.38125	300

1	2	3	4	5
7.	Punjab	997.50	498.75	200
8.	Andhra Pradesh	1401.1875	700.59375	500
9.	Tamil Nadu	1000.00	500.00	200
10.	Manipur	250.00	125.00	50
11.	Goa	250.00	125.00	50
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1500.00	750.00	300
13.	Himachal Pradesh	500.00	250.00	100
14.	Mizoram	200.00	100.00	40
15.	Sikkim	145.00	72.50	29
16.	Madhya Pradesh	1950.00	975.00	390
17.	Gujarat	1500.00	750.00	300
18.	Meghalaya	295.00	147.50	59
19.	Karnataka	750.00	360.475	150
20.	NVS	1425.00	163.30260	—
21.	KVS	1775.00	200.00	—
	TOTAL :	17273.45	7385.50260	3112

Remarks made at 42nd Foundation Day of NCERT

407. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the remarks made at the 42nd Foundation Day of the NCERT in the context of four NCERT text books dealing with Ancient, Medieval and Contemporary India that IHC experts revelled in identifying examples of alleged parochialism, prejudice and much more and these experts only ended up destroying their own standing in academic;

(b) if so, whether these observations, before being made public, were also brought to the notice of concerned experts of IHC; and

(c) if so, what were their reaction/comments relating to these observations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.